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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: SHUM, PINT, RP

SUBJECT: AQUINO CASE

REF: MANILA 8835

1. SENATOR AQUINO APPEARED BEFORE MILITARY COMMISSION NO. 2 JUNE 8. HE ASKED FOR PERMISSION TO CONSULT CONFIDENTIALLY WITH A TEAM OF TWELVE CIVILIAN LAWYERS HEADED BY SENATOR SALONGA AND FOR TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS IN HIS CASE SO FAR. HE ALSO ASKED FOR PERMISSION TO ASSEMBLY DOCUMENTARY MATERIALS RELATED TO HIS DEFENSE AND SAID HE MIGHT PRESENT AS MANY AS 700 WITNESSES. COMMISSION GRANTED PERMISSION AND SET NEXT HEARING FOR JUNE 22.

2. TRIAL WAS CLOSED TO PUBLIC, INCLUDING MEMBERS OF AQUINO FAMILY, BUT HIS SISTER, LUPITA CONCIO, PROMINENT FILE AND TV DIRECTOR, ATTENDED AS "MEDIA." FEER CORRESPONDENT TOLD EMBOFF HE AND HIS COLLEAGUES IN THE PRESS NOTICED A DIFFERENT ATMOSPHERE. COMMISSION WAS FORTHCOMING AND EVEN MILITARY PROSECUTOR (COL. SISON) RELATIVELY PLEASANT.

3. EMBOFF SPOKE TO SENATOR SALONGA THIS AFTERNOON (JUNE 8). HE WILL SEE MRS. AQUINO (WHO IS WITH HER HUSBAND THIS AFTERNOON) TOMORROW AND DISCUSS STRATEGY. SALONGA SAID HE DID NOT THINK AQUINO HAD SEEN MARCOS YESTERDAY AFTERNOON, CONFIDENTIAL

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BUT COULD NOT CONFIRM THIS ABSOLUTELY. SALONGA ALSO SAID AQUINO HAS STILL NOT DECIDED WHETHER TO PARTICIPATE IN MILITARY TRIAL AND THAT HIS DECISION COULD BE ANNOUNCED JUNE 22.

4. COMMENT: APPARENTLY AQUINO DID NOT MENTION POSSIBILITY OF CIVIL COURT TRIAL TO MILITARY COMMISSION. ALLOWING AQUINO

CONSULT CONFIDENTIALLY WITH LAWYERS (ROOM WHERE HE HAD
DISCUSSIONS WAS ALWAYS BUGGED) AND TO AMASS DOCUMENTARY
EVIDENCE IS ENCOURAGING. IT REAMINS TO BE SEEN WHETHER AQUINO'S
MEETING WITH MARCOS WILL MATERIALIZE.
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